

# The Choo Choo Chorus

Presents



## CHRISTMAS IN HARMONY

Special Guest

**Chattanooga Community  
Christmas Chorus**

**A Benefit Concert for the  
Boehm Birth Defects Center**

**Girls Preparatory School**

**Saturday, December 14, 2013 7 PM**

## Choo Choo Chorus

Barbershopping At Its Best

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our annual Christmas show this year titled Christmas in Harmony. We are delighted to have you join us for an evening of fun in Christmas Harmony with both Sacred and Secular Christmas songs.

Tonight the first part of our program is presented by the Choo Choo Chorus and two of our own Barbershop Quartets. The second half of our program features our Chattanooga Community Christmas Chorus made up of men from the greater Chattanooga community and our own Choo Choo Chorus Members. We all enjoy singing the many Christmas songs so familiar to us and we hope you will equally enjoy our Christmas in Harmony Show. To close the evening we will be asking you to join us in a 'sing-along' that we can share, so please be prepared!

There is nothing like the Christmas spirit as we prepare for this very special Holiday Season. We hope you will enjoy your evening with us as we look forward to our own present to you of Christmas in Harmony. Thank you for joining us this evening and being part of our own charity fund raising effort.

With my best wishes to you for a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season!

Chet Tschetter, Show Chairman

## PROGRAM

### ACT 1

## 'Christmas in Harmony'

Jingle Bells	Choo Choo Chorus
We Want to Wish You A Merry Christmas	Choo Choo Chorus
It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas	Rock City 4
The Man With the Bag	Rock City 4
Let it Snow	Choo Choo Chorus
Santa Claus is Coming to Town	Chattanooga
Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer	Chattanooga
The Christmas Song	Choo Choo Chorus
Diddly Squat	Rock City 4
I'll Be Home For Christmas	Rock City 4
Mary Had a Baby	Chorus
Angels We Have Heard On High	Chorus

### 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

### ACT 2

## THE CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHORUS

Veni, Veni (O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)  
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear  
Cradle in Bethlehem  
I Saw Three Ships  
White Christmas  
Winter Wonderland  
We Need a Little Christmas

Audience sing-along (words on next page)  
O Come, All Ye Faithful  
Joy to the World  
Finale: Silent Night  
(Christmas Chorus sings Second Verse)

SING ALONG SONGS

**O Come All Ye Faithful**

Verse 1

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem,  
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels

Chorus

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.

Verse 2

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above,  
Glory to God all glory in the highest,

Chorus

Verse 3

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
O Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n,  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing,

Chorus

**Joy to the World**

Verse 1

Joy to the World , the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

**Silent Night**

Verse 1

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child,  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.  
Chorus sings second verse

Verse 2

Sung by Christmas Chorus

## CHOO CHOO CHORUS MEMBERS

### TENORS

Wally Edmondson  
Gene Huelman  
Fred Jesse  
Brandon Middlebrooks  
Barry Owens  
Wendell Whitmire  
David White

### LEADS

Pat Crowe  
Frank Delaney  
David Fleury  
Steve Grubb  
Charlie Holder  
Josh Jones  
Thomas Keegan  
J.W. Kirk  
Julius McShan  
William Slack  
Steve Wixson

### BARITONES

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Chuck Wilson

### BASSES

Paul Blazek  
Charlie Bright  
Lebron Brock  
Erby Erwin  
David Rack  
Daniel Randolph  
Neal Robinson  
Marcellus Scott  
Chet Tschetter  
Wilbur Strickland  
Clarence Wall



## CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHORUS

Myron Abercrombie  
Charles Abercrombie  
Justin Allen  
Dean Arnold  
Anthony Baker  
Tim Ballew  
Bob Bauer  
William Bice  
Bob Blackburn  
Mike Brandt  
Wil Brannen  
Todd Buccelli  
Chris Coles  
John Cook  
James F Correll, III  
Henry Crutcher  
Thirstain Daniels  
Edgar Dawson  
Ted Doss  
Dustin Dotzler  
Wayne Evans  
Anthony Fowler  
John D Hain

Bob Hill  
Jayson Jones  
Jim Larkin  
Mick Larson  
David Littell  
Tom Massey  
Kelly Mercer  
Bob Mills  
Jerry W Moore  
Philip Newton  
Doug Parker  
Bernard L Peek  
Lonnie Satterfield  
Marty Smith  
Jason Sneed  
Peter Snyder  
Carl Striebeck  
John Thomas  
Richard Vaupel  
Steve Vipond  
Dan Weaver  
Fred Weinhold



Last Year's 10th Anniversary Christmas Chorus

Our sincere thanks to the men listed above who gave of their time for this benefit concert and other sing outs during the Christmas season. That is a gift to the Chattanooga community.

## HISTORY OF THE CHOO CHOO CHORUS

The Chattanooga Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, known as the Choo Choo Chorus, celebrated its 50th anniversary two years ago with a big show, an anniversary party, redecoration of our chapter rooms. This year we again present our Christmas Show with the 11 year old Chattanooga Community Christmas Chorus (see below.) We continue traditions started many years ago of Harmony, Service, Fellowship and Fun. Our special venues include Scout Flag Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Special Olympics, Naturalization Ceremonies for new citizens, nursing and retirements centers and more.

You can find us at [www.choochoochorus.org](http://www.choochoochorus.org) or [www.facebook.com/choochoochorus](http://www.facebook.com/choochoochorus) and let us know how to get in touch with you. If the "interweb" gives you a fit, feel free to call us at (423)265-SING(7464) and leave us a message - we'll get back to you.

## HISTORY OF THE CHRISTMAS CHORUS

While the Choo Choo Chorus had Christmas shows since at least the early 1990s, the Chattanooga Community Christmas Chorus (CCCC) was started in 2003 as an outreach program to men in the Chattanooga/North Georgia area. The idea was that we could invite men who enjoyed singing, but weren't already members of the Choo Choo Chorus, to come and rehearse with us on Monday nights in October and November, then sing with us on the Christmas show in December. There would be no pressure to join the Chapter, just the availability of singing with fellow harmonizers in four-part a cappella style. Since our Chapter was already producing an annual show during the year to raise operating funds, we decided that we could dedicate some or all of our proceeds from the Christmas show to a local charity. This gave us something else to offer potential singers - the chance to raise money for a worthy cause while raising our voices in song.

Our first year we had 55 men on stage in the CCCC and we have had as many as 82 men in previous years. This is our 11th year, and we

will have 78 men on stage and hope to raise a lot of money for our charitable cause. In addition to the main Christmas show, we have invited CCCC members to sing with us at other area performances in the last couple of years - we sing at nursing homes and assisted living centers for people who can't make it to the big show. This year we also sang at Rock City for their Enchanted Garden of Lights.

Thanks for being here tonight, and we hope you enjoy the show as much as we enjoy singing for you. If you're the kind of guy who loves to sing, especially with 100 or so of your closest friends, consider joining us next year. Start planning now for the 'First Monday in October' so that you can be on stage with us in 2014!

If you can't wait until next October, come visit us - we meet at All Saints Academy, 310 E 8th St, Chattanooga almost every Monday night starting at 7 PM. I can promise you a great evening of harmony, both musical and personal. Paul Blazek, Musical Director

## SHOW COMMITTEE

Chairman	Chet Tschetter
Music Leadership VP	Wilbur Strickland
Script	Paul Blazek
Tickets	Gene Huelman & Dave Rack
Program	Steve Wixson
Harmonious Graphic	Abbie Hanson
Director	Paul Blazek
Associate Director	Chuck Wilson
Stage Manager	Mary Kathryn Blazek
Choo Choo Belles	Mary Strickland
Emcee	Jed Mescon

## BENEFIT CONCERT FOR BOEHM BIRTH DEFECTS CENTER

The net proceeds from tonight's benefit performance go to the Boehm Birth Defects Center. This would not be possible without support from patrons and businesses who purchased an ad in our 2013 Annual Show Program. Several of them made an additional contribution and their ad is included in this program. Thanks also to McKee Foods and Aladdin Printing for their support for this concert. If you get the chance, please thank them for their support.

And thank yourself for purchasing a ticket to tonight's show.



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